

Economic Impact Statement

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IC 4-22-2.1-5 Statement Concerning Rules Affecting Small Businesses

IC 4-22-2.1-5(a) provides that an agency that intends to adopt a rule under IC 4-22-2 that will impose requirements or costs on small businesses must prepare a statement that describes the annual economic impact of the rule on small businesses after the rule is fully implemented as described in IC 4-22-2.1-5(b). That statement must be submitted to the Indiana Economic Development Corporation (IEDC). The IEDC is required to review the rule and submit written comments to the agency not later than seven days before the public hearing.

The proposed rule amends 68 IAC 2-6-2 to replace the term "riverboat" with "casino", eliminate obsolete "token acceptors" as requiring testing, and establish clearer guidelines for casino licensees to follow regarding testing of any gaming devices or equipment. The proposed rule amends 68 IAC 2-6-3 to contemplate the existence of multiple independent gaming laboratories and establish guidelines for persons who submit gaming devices or equipment to an independent laboratory. The proposed rule repeals 68 IAC 2-6-15 to eliminate requirements for obsolete equipment. The proposed rule imposes no requirements or costs on small businesses.

Estimated Number of Small Businesses Affected:

The Indiana Gaming Commission (Commission) estimates that the proposed rule will impose no requirements or costs on small businesses as defined in IC 4-22-2.1-4.

Estimated Administrative Costs Imposed on Small Businesses:

The Commission estimates that there will be no administrative costs to small businesses as a result of compliance with the proposed rule.

Estimated Total Annual Economic Impact on Small Businesses:

None.

Justification of Requirements or Costs:

The Commission offers no justification of requirements or costs as the proposed rule imposes no requirements or costs on small businesses.

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis:

The Commission does not propose an alternative regulatory method since the proposed rule has no impact on small businesses. The Commission did not rely on studies in its decision not to employ alternatives to the proposed rule.

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